

HAIL WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 16 JANUARY 2024 HELD IN HAIL WESTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 pm.

PRESENT:

O Oldfield (OO)
R Rowley Smith (RRS)
V Bolton (VB)
N Burdett (NB)
H Morris (HM)

IN ATTENDANCE: HDC Ward Cllr. Stephen Cawley, CCC Ward Cllr. Ian Gardener and Clerk.

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- 240116 – 1** Open Forum CCC Ward Cllr. Ian Gardener report:
Cambridgeshire County Council has paid tribute to 'father of the council' Cllr Mac McGuire, who sadly passed at the start of the year. He served in the Yaxley and Farcet division – was the county council's longest serving councillor.
Budget Consultation - recommendation at CCC meeting on 30 January to Full Council, which then meets to debate and agree the Council's budget on 13 February.
A "bus tax" that households in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough pay could treble from April. The area's Labour mayor backed a plan to increase the average levy from £12 a year to **£36**, raising around £11m.
New LHO announced as Karen Southall for Hail Weston.
Weeding may be reinstated, and Fire Authority are consulting on proposal to close Kimbolton Fire Station. HDC Ward Cllr. Stephen Cawley Councillor report is attached.
- 240116 – 2** Apologies accepted from NF & SM.
- 240116 - 3** No matters of Interest were received.
- 240116 - 4** Resolved to approve Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 21 November 2023.
- 240116 - 5** Planning It was resolved to approve **22/02269/S73** Proposal: Variation of conditions 1 (approved plans), 14 (LEMP), 15 (Soft Landscaping), 17 (Fence colour) and 24 (Archaeology) of 18/02145/S73 to vary the approved panels, drainage arrangements, landscaping and ecology management, fence colour and treatment of service cables.
Site Address: Little Staughton Solar Farm Little Staughton Airfield Little Staughton. Clerk to notify HDC.
- HDC recently approved **23/02085/HHFUL**
Outstanding Decisions by HDC
23/02130/HHFUL Rear single-storey flat roof extension, 121 High Street Hail Weston PE19 5JS.
- 240116 – 6** It was RESOLVED for NF to discuss interview feedback with candidate and report back. If required, the role would be readvertised.
- 240116 - 7** It was RESOLVED to approve reconciliation, bank statements, for December and January expenditure. Account balances: Business Money Manager £56,607.08 Community a/c £6,525.57 **TOTAL £63,132.65**
January 2024 expenditure:

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NF

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	P Baker £63.50 & £60 HDC £187.40 Total Energies streetlight supply £62.01 (parish-owned lighting) Clerk Wages January (J Abell) £549.41 (SCP 25) £137.59 HMRC VHMC Hall hire £40 J Abell Microsoft A/S £59.99 Councillor updates: -	
240116 - 8	VB due to attend a VH Committee meeting and will be joint Chair of the VHMC. It was Resolved that the village litter pick as Sunday March 24. Clerk to request equipment from HDC. RRS circulated safety checks. The following items were noted the BMX track, Fort at the playing field but low risk. The mound it was Resolved to approve the proposal of open grid system, fill with soil and seeding. Clerk to inform PB. NB & HM To progress the CLP actions and engage with resident volunteers to review actions. OO It was Resolved for Clerk to invite local councils to a solar meeting.	Clerk Clerk PB
240116 - 9	To Appoint Hageman as Internal Auditor to complete the year end for 2023-24 if a local auditor can't be confirmed.	Clerk
240116- 10	GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RESIDENTS: 04/12/2023 00449875 Manholes and gratings Opposite side of road to 131 High Street, Hail Weston Clerk to discuss CCC contact with PB. 06/12/2023 Trees now resolved 07/12/2023 Waste bin – ongoing awaiting HDC reply. 21/12/2023 Thank you 02/01/2024 New accessible gate at the Playing field - Thank you 14/01/2024 HWRG thank you 16/01/2024 Road traffic closure reply with another solution and bus route. Clerk waiting for CCC reply. 16/01/2023 Open Reach Fibre enquiry. 16/01/2023 Request to place memorial bench in Garden of Rest. Resolved to approve, this concludes any further seating requests for the Garden of Rest. CCC: 27/11/2023 24-127 Proposed TTRO - Bird Lane, Hail Weston 08/02/24 to 12/02/24 Matter for CCC resident suggested not Green Lane for exiting village. CCC notified of this. 29/11/2023 24-130 Proposed road closure, High Street, Hail Weston, 02/02/2024. Resident suggested different route for 150 service. CCC have been asked if they have engaged with bus operator. Awaiting reply. 13/12/2023 Cambridgeshire County Council Budget Briefing 14/12/2023 Highways and Streetlighting Contracts - Stakeholder surveys. 08/01/2023 Ford Bridge enhancements for future reference " <i>falls into more maintenance than LHI if the bridge is existing. If improvement works were to be included in their proposal (and of</i>	Clerk

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course if the bridge is on our network) then it would be applicable for funding for those improvement parts. However, I suspect they would require substantial other funding to complete the overall works (assumptions made without knowing the size of the bridge)".

HDC:

27/11/2023 CIL Funding Round 22/23 Now open

05/12/2023 December Report STEPHEN CAWLEY

06/12/2023 Health Inequalities Meeting

11/12/2023 Consultation of a Review of the Huntingdonshire Local List – 21/01/2024

11/12/2023 Garden Waste Subscription Service Parish Council will be able to land allocate for Hail Weston 'Garden Angels' 'volunteers' green waste.

04/01/2024 Huntingdon awarded first Biodiversity grant

Various dates in Jan. Weather Update and Flood Warnings in Huntingdonshire

08/01/2024 St Neots Town Centre Improvement Project Commences

CAMBRIDGESHIRE MATTERS: 15/12/2023 -

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKCAMBSCC/bulletins/37f5270>

CAPALC: 08/12/2023. 03/01/2024 2024 Training

Dec – 23 Model Contract for Employment updates

03/01/2024 January Bulletin

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER'S NEWS: 19/12/2023 [Your December news from Darryl Preston, Police and Crime Commissioner \(govdelivery.com\)](#)

THE CIRCUIT: 22/12/2023 & 27/12/2023 Your defibrillator may have been used today. Clerk checked and the pads and defibrillators were operational.

RNA ENERGY: 28/11/2023

BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL: 05/12/2023 Draft Trees and Development Supplementary Planning Document Consultation. Clerk vacancy and Parish Assembly items for next agenda. Meeting closed at 9 pm.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 20 February 2024

HDC Ward Cllr. Stephen Cawley – Town & Parish Council Newsletter

- **New for 2024!** Democratic Services will be sending out a new Quarterly Town & Parish Council Newsletter in the New Year on behalf of HDC. The first edition of the newsletter is scheduled to be sent out on 8th January, and Members will be copied in so that they are aware of what information Town & Parish Councils have been sent.

Garden Waste Subscription Service HDC's Early Bird discount for the new Garden Waste Subscription Service is now available. Residents can sign up by 31 January 2024 and take advantage of an Early Bird offer which makes the cost of the first bin £50. The annual charge for the first green bin will be £57.50, but if residents sign up by Wednesday 31 January 2024, then they can take advantage of an Early Bird offer which makes the cost of the first

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bin £50. If residents choose to pay for the service by Direct Debit, the reduced price will continue for a minimum of three years, which means the cost will be £50 a year for three years. Additional bins will continue to cost £30 each.

Those who subscribe to the fortnightly service will receive a sticker to put on their bin and collection crews will have devices to check the collection service has been paid for. Only bins displaying the sticker will be emptied.

Huntingdonshire Local List Consultation The local validation list sets out the information which is to be required in support of planning applications.

The consultation period is open until 21 January and is an opportunity to get involved and shape the information that HDC put out. It is an opportunity to help shape future planning applications. It's important we hear from as many people as possible.